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of Environmental Protection**

Public Information Meeting

March 24, 2009

Calais, Maine

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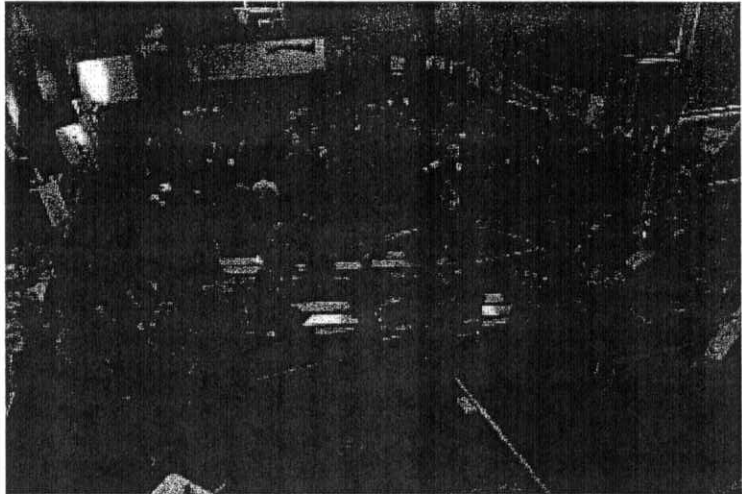
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Summary

More than 240 people attended the March 24, 2009 Calais LNG Public Information Meeting at the Washington County Community College (WCCC) in Calais, Maine. All 27 speakers supported the project. The session was organized to present the findings of last year's field work by Calais LNG and to receive comments and questions from the public. WCCC President Bill Cassidy served as moderator for the Question & Answer portion of the event.

The event, which lasted slightly more than three hours, was also attended by regional media representatives, including reporters from the Calais Advertiser, the Quoddy Tides and WQDY-Radio.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, every member of the Washington County legislative delegation, led by Senator Kevin Raye, submitted letters in support of Calais LNG, excerpts of which were read by former Calais City Councilor Marianne Moore.



The Public Information Meeting is one of several outreach activities initiated by Calais LNG to encourage public involvement. Open house sessions were held in Calais and Baileyville in the fall of 2008 and Calais LNG participated in a Federal Regulatory Energy Commission (FERC) scoping session in December of 2008 that was attended by more than 100 people. John Rogers, a landowner along the 24-mile proposed natural gas pipeline route, complimented those associated with the project on their local outreach activities and expressed his "full support for Calais LNG."

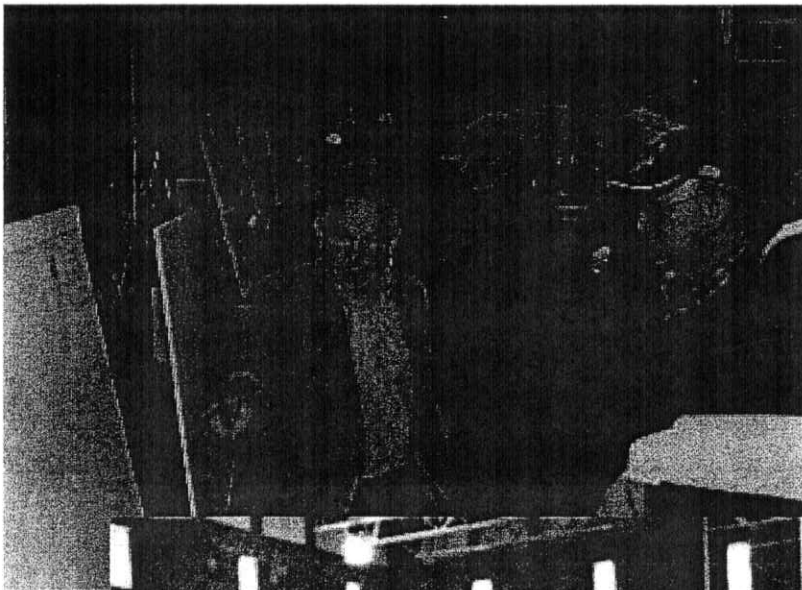
Robert Tyler announced the Sunrise County Economic Council's endorsement of Calais LNG, "based on a careful review of the project." University of Maine professor of Marine Ecology, Brian Beal, was the last speaker. "Calais LNG has a sincere commitment to conduct scientific studies in the most thorough manner," he said.

Calais LNG is proposing to construct and operate a Liquefied Natural Gas receiving terminal and storage facility on a 330-acre site located roughly seven miles south of downtown Calais. An interconnection with the Maritimes & Northeast pipeline is planned.

A complete transcript of the public comments and questions at meeting was compiled by a court reporter, and is available upon request.

Key Points of Testimony

(Public comments and questions were taken following an extensive, hour-long presentation by several members of the Calais LNG project team. The presentation included an overview of the project and its potential benefits, the key scientific findings of numerous environmental and site location studies; and information about the transportation and storage of liquefied natural gas. The public comment session was moderated by William Cassidy, president of Washington County Community College. Attorney David Van Slyke prefaced the public comments by outlining the project's application status.)



Members of the Calais LNG team discuss various aspects of the project with members of the public during the "open house" session that preceded the presentation and public comment portions of the March 24 Public Information Meeting.





Calais Mayor Vinton Cassidy speaks about his city's heritage and its support for the Calais LNG project as a way to continue its heritage as a shipping community.

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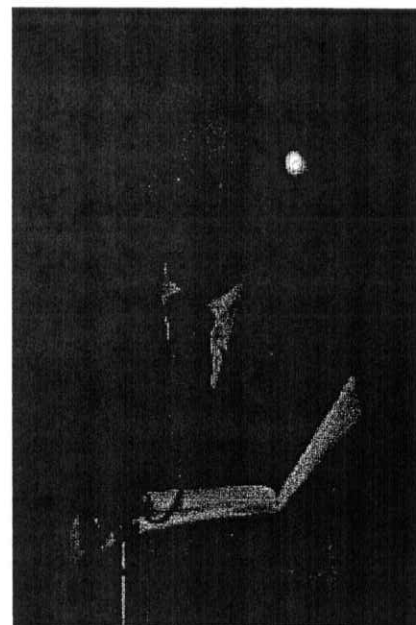
... we are so confident with the work that you've all seen here this evening, that this is going to be an excellent project for our area. ”

-- Calais Mayor Vinton Cassidy

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It is critical to recognize that the economic doldrums and steady out-of-state migration of our next generation due to the lack of employment presents a hopeless economic future for residents of Washington County. ”

-- Harold Silverman,
Calais resident



Former State Senator Harold Silverman speaks about the dire need for economic development in Washington County.

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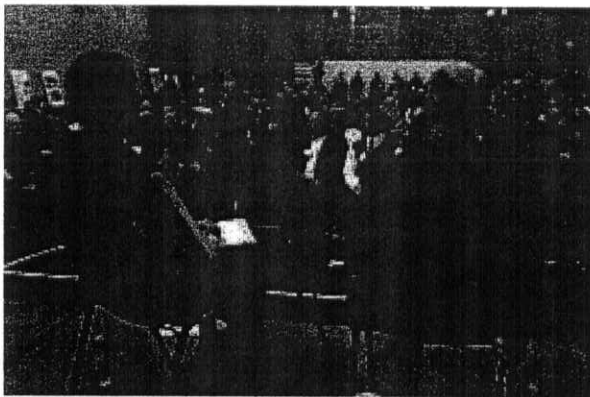
Today the cost of energy represents the single biggest competitive issue that we face. . . The Calais LNG proposal gives us hope that we may soon be able to better manage our energy costs . . .

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-- Dennis McComb
Lincoln Paper & Tissue



Dennis McComb, environmental and safety manager for Lincoln Paper & Tissue, speaks about the need for more cost-efficient energy options at Maine paper mills.



Ms. Jeanne Peacock (center) reads a letter written by her husband, Capt. Bob Peacock regarding the compatability of LNG vessels and Passamaquoddy Bay

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. . . the people needed to operate the LNG plant and marine operations are here now. There are literally hundreds of Maine Maritime graduates who live here who have the skills [needed].

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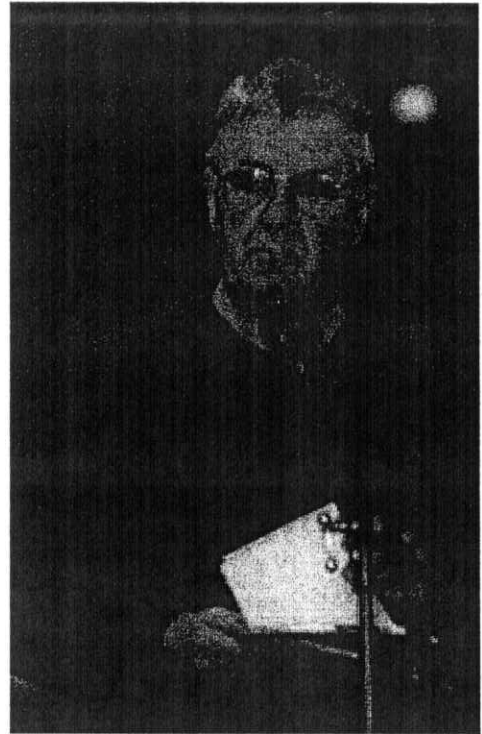
-- Capt. Bob Peacock
Eastport, Maine

“ We have an opportunity to have a clean source of energy right here in Calais. This comes at a time when the US is trying to break free of foreign energy. This is also an opportunity to provide tax relief to the residents of Calais, which is also needed, because our mill rate is actually too high for a city our size.

This is an opportunity for young people in our area for good jobs, which is something we need. In the past all we've had is doom and gloom in the job areas.

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-- Tom Webster
Calais, Maine



“ Calais LNG gives new economic hope to a region that needs new industry. This project will create good paying, private sector jobs when we need them most. This project will recharge our economy and will be an essential piece of a new economy built on alternative energy, the fastest growing economic sector in Maine.

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Kevin Shorey, speaking on
behalf of the Washington
County Commissioners

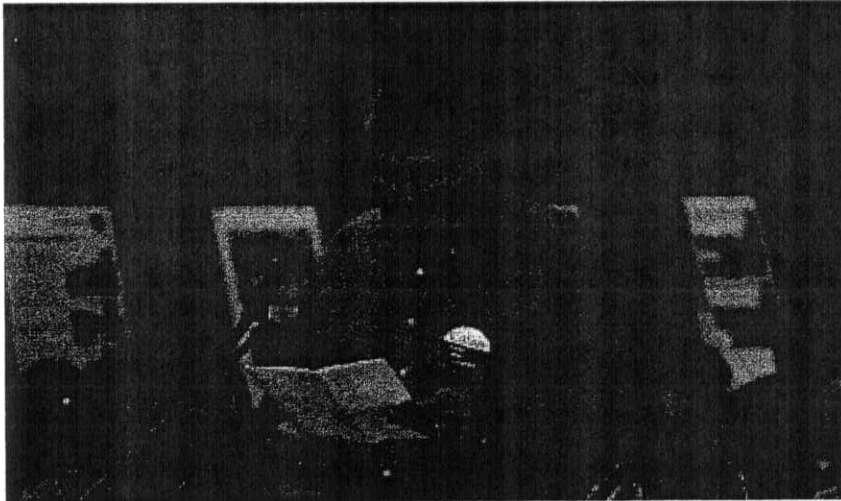
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This project is an opportunity to take advantage of our location and provide some hope for the people in this area.

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-- Sheridan Smith
Baileyville, Maine business owner



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The team of proposed LNG engineers, expert engineers, investment firms, and legal and communication firms appear to have significant capacity to oversee, deliver, and operate a profitable and environmentally safe LNG terminal facility.

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-- Bob Tyler
Sunrise County Economic Council



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I love this area and appreciate the beauty that surrounds us, and I do not believe that the presence of an LNG terminal on the St. Croix River will harm the environment or destroy the bay.

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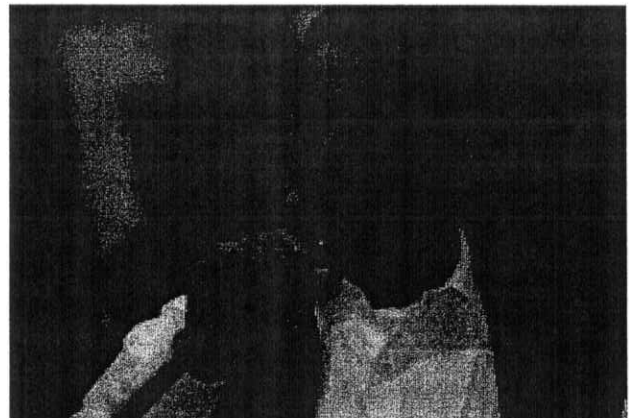
-- Candace Dwelley
Calais, Maine business owner

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If the presence of cheap energy attracts someone else to start up a business or a factory here and nobody locally gets hired, we will still have people spending money and paying taxes here.

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-- David Feiner, M.D.
Calais, Maine resident

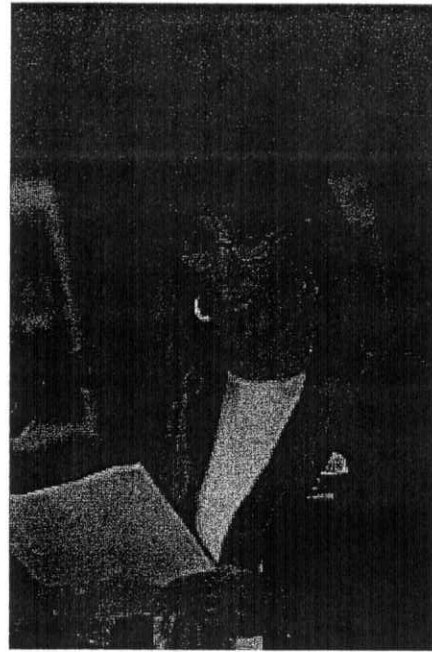


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The potential for this LNG project to provide economic relief through jobs and spinoff business could provide the catalyst needed for our children and families to have the choice to live and work in this area.

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-- Jane Delmonaco
Calais, Maine resident

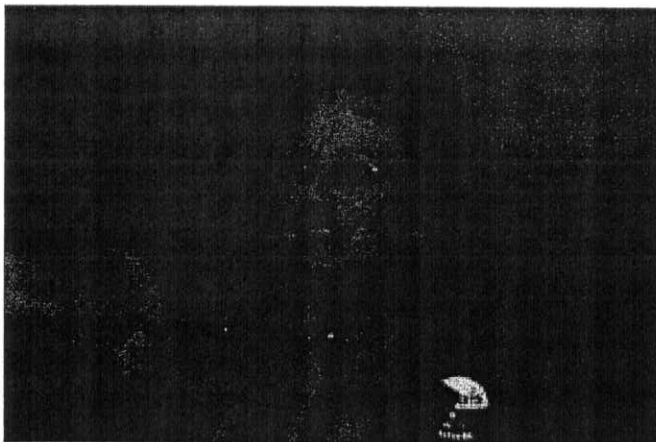


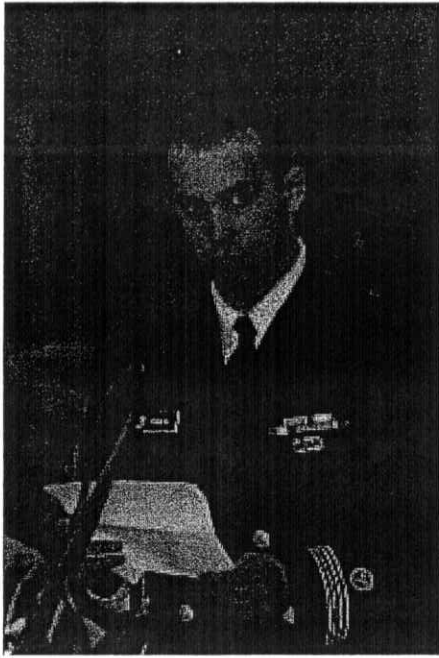
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And from the county perspective, we have a phrase we're using, Washington County, one community. Only 35,000 people. When one community succeeds, we all benefit.

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-- Linda Pagels-Wentworth
County Manager, Washington County





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I was fortunate enough to learn not only about the commercial shipping industry but also about the LNG industry. The thing I took away from that experience the most was the LNG industry's outstanding commitment to public and environmental safety.

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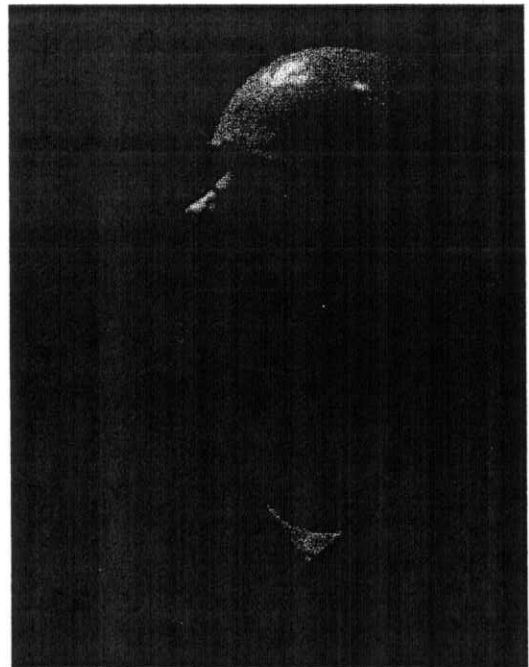
-- Matthew Stein
Maine Maritime Academy student

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I believe [Calais LNG's decision to do additional marine sampling studies that were not required] is impressive, and it shows their sincere commitment to conduct scientific investigations the correct way.

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--Professor Brian Beal
University of Maine, Machias



March 24, 2009

Harold Ian Emery
Calais LNG Project
P.O. Box 133
Calais, Maine 04619

Dear Ian:

Thank you for inviting me to this evening's event. I regret I'm unable to attend due to previous commitments.

I did want to take this opportunity to tell you how excited I am about the prospects for an LNG terminal in Washington County, not only because of the jobs it will generate, but because of its potential contribution to a diverse and affordable supply of energy in Maine.

As you know, I sit on the Joint Select Committee for Maine's Energy Future. This group is promoting a vision for Maine that will help reduce its over reliance on oil for heating its homes, and on electricity generated outside the region. I strongly believe LNG in Maine will provide an alternative to heating homes with oil, provide businesses with a more affordable source of fuel, and possibly encourage the development of electric generation using natural gas.

I applaud the efforts of Calais LNG, and am especially pleased to see the partnership your company has forged with the City of Calais, and the support you have from the local people.

Please know I will offer whatever support I can for your project during my time in the legislature, and certainly beyond. Good luck with this evening's event, and all the best to you in your efforts to benefit the State, and the people of Washington County.

Cordially,



Dianne Tilton

Senator Kevin L. Raye
Maine Senate



March 24, 2009

H. Ian Emery
Calais LNG
P.O. Box 133
Calais, ME 04619

Dear Ian:

As the State Senator representing Washington County, I am pleased to once again express my support for efforts to develop LNG import facilities in our region.

I have long indicated my support for LNG development in Washington County as a vehicle for job creation, economic development and environmentally responsible energy diversification. It is important to note that three potential host communities I represent are on record in support of proposed LNG facilities. I am also mindful of the impressive safety record of the LNG industry in the United States, and the fact that LNG is a clean-burning fuel that can help improve air quality and be an important transitional fuel to help meet our energy needs in the years ahead.

In contrast to the speedy approval of the Canaport LNG facility in neighboring New Brunswick, the construction of which is already more than 94% complete, the LNG proposals in our county are subject to a lengthy and painstaking process of scrutiny by state and federal regulators to ensure that they meet environmental and safety criteria and are properly sited and planned.

It is crucial that the state and federal processes underway not be influenced by the unwarranted intrusion of Canadian political and corporate interests attempting to stifle competition by threatening to block access to Maine ports even as they aggressively pursue their own LNG development. As you may know, I was the first elected official at the county, state or federal level to publicly reject Canada's threats to violate U.S. rights of innocent passage. Such a violation would set a very dangerous precedent with ominous implications for our economic future, and these threats should not be a factor in our deliberations.

It is important that LNG development benefits our region financially, promotes economic development, supports public safety and provides area residents and businesses with access to lower-cost energy. In combination with the necessary financing and market conditions, I believe these factors will ensure that an LNG facility will be a valuable component of our local economy. Both construction and operation phases will provide good-paying jobs and a much-needed boost for our area at a time when our already-struggling economy has suffered a devastating blow with the idling of the Domtar pulp mill.

I have been impressed with the strong support the Calais LNG proposal has won from the City of Calais and area residents, and I believe it offers a clear benefit to our regional economy.

Sincerely,

KEVIN L. RAYE
Maine State Senator

March 23, 2009

The Honorable Harold Ian Emery
Calais LNG
P.O. Box 133
Calais, ME 04619

Dear Mr. Emery:

It is a pleasure to lend my support in the development and placement of a liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal in Washington County. Subsequent to attending a related public meeting and personal presentation covering details of the Calais LNG proposal, I am quite impressed by their lucrative design for this region of Maine. Your firm has clearly made significant investments in the community, both financially and via time spent networking with area residents to ensure they are highly informed. This engagement demonstrates Calais LNG's commitment to a safe, well designed, and long-term venture.

During these very challenging financial times, especially in Downeast Maine, I am expressly compelled to back initiatives that will provide sustainable employment opportunities, while revitalizing the usage of our indigenous natural resources. In my view, and many others would agree, LNG plans are suitable for this vicinity of our state. Such an endeavor can be harmlessly realized and augment other opportunities yet to be exploited.

Aware that the Calais LNG project is unlikely to interfere with our coveted fishing industry, unique tourism, and other innate resources, its location would share an area of the St. Croix River, which also provides a platform for the Bayside shipping terminal and mining operations in New Brunswick, Canada. The advantage of an alternative energy source is likely to benefit communities and businesses at the same time as reducing our reliance on Middle Eastern oil.

In conclusion, I share the views of various local citizens in that this industry can play a vital role through the establishment of a diversified economy in Washington County. For this, and the other cited reasons mentioned above, I am pleased to endorse your effort to bring LNG to this coastal section of Maine.

If I can be of further service to you with this topic, or any other state-related issue, you may contact me at the State House, 287-1440.

Respectfully,

David C. Burns
State Representative



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March 24, 2009

Mr. Harold Ian Emery
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Dear Mr. Emery,

I would like to attend the public information meeting in Calais to testify in support of the proposed Calais LNG project, but due to my heavy schedule in the Maine Legislature, I regretfully will be unable to attend the meeting Tuesday evening.

The time has come to create sustainable economic development in Washington County, and I believe the County must take full advantage of this great LNG opportunity. We must fully support LNG, wind power, tidal power, and any other renewable energy projects that will benefit our area. We are experiencing great losses in industry and jobs in our County, and we must band together to support this proposed project which is so vital to our communities and economy.

Over the last twenty or so years we have slowly become an older aged population in Washington County. How do we keep our young people in the area? We do this by creating decent paying jobs with decent benefits and decent retirement packages. It would be difficult to think of a better opportunity than we are having presented to our area than the proposed LNG project which will achieve all of the above and maybe even more benefits not yet thought of.

In closing, the time to act is NOW!

Sincerely

Howard E. McFadden

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March 22, 2009

To the Maine DEP Panel

I am writing this letter to indicate my support for the Calais LNG Project. Unfortunately, my legislative duties prevent me from attending the hearing.

In the six years of my legislative tenure, the Calais Area has seen the loss of the Particle Board Plant and the slow downsizing of Domtar who will in May close for an undetermined time. We have seen a communication business come and leave the area. The unemployment has consistently been at or near twice the state average. Our families have had the lowest average income in the state. In a recent 2009 report on Mortality Trends in US Counties, Washington County was the only county in the northeast to show a statistically significant decrease in life expectancy for women in the last twenty. This can be correlated to the chronic unemployment and poverty in the area.

Calais LNG offers the opportunity for economic development by offering jobs and the resources for further economic development. It is located near the industrial area of Washington County which offers the possibility of further industrial opportunities.

As you review of the Calais LNG application, please take into consideration the environmental and economic needs of the people of Washington County. I urge your support to this project.

Sincerely,

Rep. Anne Perry

Calais LNG public meeting records support for project

by Marie Jones Holmes

Strong support for a proposal to site a liquefied natural gas (LNG) project within the city limits of Calais was expressed by numerous speakers at a March 24 public informational meeting sponsored by the company, Calais LNG. The five-hour evening meeting held at the Washington County Community College gymnasium attracted more than 200 people. The proposed Calais LNG project would be located seven miles south of downtown Calais on a 330-acre site along the banks of the St. Croix River.

Calais Mayor Vinton Cassidy welcomed company representatives, scientists retained by the company and the public to the meeting. He said the Calais City Council endorses the project and noted that the shipping industry supported the Calais economy for 200 years, "and this is another form of shipping."

Project development managers Art Gelber of the Texas-based firm Gelber Associates and Ian Emery of Cutler introduced the scientists who discussed their work in assessing the project in regards to siting, and the anticipated environmental impacts of the proposed project. The necessary licenses for the project were also listed. Maine law requires that project applicants conduct informational meetings prior to submitting a licensing application to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Environmental assessments and surveys conducted during 2008 included identifying wildlife habitats and mapping wetland areas; conducting geotechnical borings at the terminal site and visual impact studies; and completing the first phase of a comprehensive archeological and cultural resource survey. According to Gelber and Emery, the studies support their conviction that the proposed LNG terminal would have minimal environmental impacts. The team also set 180 lobster traps to evaluate lobster population and migration patterns near the proposed terminal. The studies indicate there is limited lobstering in the immediate proximity of

the project.

Janet Robinson of Woodward and Curran Environmental Services, a Portland-based company, noted that wetlands highly regulate the effects the operation would have. She described the impacts as minor at the terminal site and along the pipeline route. There would only be two acres of wetland loss. Visual impact from the project was described as minor.

Speakers stressed the need for economic development in Washington County. The recent announcement that Domtar Corporation, the county's largest employer, would idle its Baileyville mill seemed to be on the minds of many area residents. Several speakers stated the lack of jobs in the area forces young people to leave the area and breaks the family circle.

Former state senator Harold Silverman of Calais expressed hope for a change in the economic conditions that have led to out-of-state migration. "May we be able to put our next generation back to work in Washington County," he said. "There is a difference between no development and safe development." He noted that nitrates are carried to the Canadian port at Bayside on the opposite side of the river and there is a major visual effect of the Canadian port operation viewed from the American side.

Comments by Captain Robert J. Peacock II of Eastport were read. Peacock is currently a harbor pilot for Eastport. He has sailed for 20 years and served as master for 14 years aboard tankers including the *Atlantic*, the largest ship ever built in the Western Hemisphere. He started piloting in Head Harbour Passage and Eastport in 1976 and has over 970 trips as pilot of ships there. "When Washington County prospered, it was because we used the sea as our highway and recognized that our greatest asset is the depth of the ice-free waters available to move our goods produced inland from forests fields and factories. As Washington County's economy has faltered since the 1950s, it is because of the direct impact of failing to use the sea to our advantage." He added, "As ship pilots, Captain Morrison. Captain



Matthews and I have been training for LNG now for four years. We constantly upgrade our skills, study the waters, and learn more about the LNG ships and LNG tugs. We can safely do the work. We live here. We are ready. We support Calais LNG."

Information provided by Calais LNG states the project represents an \$800 million investment for Maine and Washington County and total employment will peak at nearly 1,000 jobs during a 48-month construction period. If constructed, the facility would employ between 100-110 people, including 30-40 new jobs for tugboat operators and their crews. It is also stated local tax revenues from the LNG facility could enable the city of Calais to lower its property tax rate by 85 percent or an estimated \$2.75 million in new local tax revenue.

Kevin Shorey of Calais stated, "I am representing the Washington County board of commissioners. We enthusiastically support this project. The economy of Maine and Washington County is on thin ice. Calais LNG gives new hope. This project will recharge our economy. We whole heartily support Calais LNG." Robert Tyler conveyed the support of the Sunrise County Economic Council for the LNG project, and Washington County Manager Linda Pagels-Wentworth spoke in support of the project. Statements also were read from the members of the Washington County legislative delegation expressing the need for the project.

Tom Webster of Calais said, "This is an opportunity to provide tax relief to Calais, an opportunity for young people to have good jobs. The St. Croix River has always been used. It is our turn to have something in Calais."

A Calais bed and breakfast owner said he would like to see an opportunity for people to remain in the area. He expressed the opinion that LNG will not ruin the bay. He said the Americans have never tried to stymie the efforts of Canadians in using the St. Croix waters.

Jane Delmonaco believes the endangered species in Washington County is young people and the whole family unit. She cited the toll unemployment is taking on families.

Dr. David Feiner, a Calais physician, wondered what the real hazard is and what

is hype. "I haven't heard an objection that would stand up. The mechanics for transporting it are safe." He pointed out that energy used in cooking can cause pollutants. As for visual impacts from the project, Feiner said, "Plant a tree."

Gelber summed up his feelings about the project, stating, "This site is appropriate. It is a quality site. We got the science right and the site right."

There was no opposition to the project publicly stated at the meeting.

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Washington County: We want our LNG

CALAIS – The City of Calais and Washington County's legislative delegation are officially on board and hundreds of people joined them on Tuesday night when over 240 people turned out for a public information session on the Calais LNG project held at Washington County Community College (WCCC).

All 27 speakers supported the project.

A company press release said the session was organized to present the findings of last year's field work and to receive comments and questions from the public.

Every member of the Washington County legislative delegation, led by Senator Kevin Raye, submitted letters in support of Calais LNG, and excerpts were read by former Calais City Councillor Marianne Moore.

"On behalf of the entire town council, I am so confident in all the work that has been done by Calais LNG and I know this will be an excellent project for the area," said Calais Mayor Vinton Cassidy.

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– VINTON CASSIDY
Calais mayor

Former state senator Harold Silverman, commenting on the economic conditions in the area, said, "The unhealthy culture created by a lack of employment separates families whose next generation must move out of Washington County to find a job."

Jane Delmonaco picked up on the economic theme, stating, "Our children bear burdens far beyond their years, suffering fear and stress that afflicts families separated by the need to find work."

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John Rogers, a landowner along the 40-kilometre proposed natural gas pipeline route, complimented those associated with the project on their local outreach activities and expressed his full support for Calais LNG while Robert Tyler announced the Sunrise County Economic Council's endorsement of Calais LNG based on a careful review of the project.

Kevin Shorey said, "The economy of Maine and Washington County is on thin ice, and Calais LNG will recharge our economy and help build a secure energy future."

Representatives of Verso Paper and Lincoln Pulp and Paper both called attention to the effects of energy costs on their businesses.

"The cost of energy represents the single biggest competitive issue we face," said Dennis McComb, Environmental and Safety Manager for Lincoln Pulp and Paper.

"Natural gas shortages have a huge impact on our costs," said Brad Flannery, from Verso Paper, which employs 1,600 people at their plants in Bucksport and Jay.

"This project will lower electricity prices and increase gas supplies. We strongly support it," he said.

Maine Maritime Academy senior Matthew Stein, who has sailed on an LNG vessel, said of his experience, "The LNG industry has an outstanding commitment to public and environmental safety."

Captain Gerald Morrison added, "An LNG import facility in Calais would offer far-reaching benefits. As a harbour pilot, I am very confident that the LNG tankers will navigate these waters safely."

The session ran more than an hour over the allotted time due to the number of people waiting to speak in support of the project, says the news release.

University of Maine professor of Marine Ecology, Brian Beal, who was the last speaker, said, "Calais LNG has a sincere commitment to conduct scientific studies in the most thorough manner," he said.

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Calais LNG presents fieldwork

Forum feedback mostly supportive

By Diana Graettinger
BDN Staff

CALAIS, Maine — One of the three companies with plans to construct a liquefied natural gas terminal in eastern Maine held a public informational meeting this week at Washington County Community College.

More than 240 people attended the forum held Tuesday by Calais LNG, which organized the session to present the findings of last year's fieldwork and to receive comments and questions from the public, the company said in a press release.

Calais LNG hopes to build a multimillion-dollar liquefied natural gas receiving terminal and storage facility on a 330-acre site located roughly seven miles south of downtown Calais between Route 1 and the St. Croix River. Plans call for the terminal to sit directly across from Bayside Marine Terminal near St. Stephen, New Brunswick. An interconnection with the Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline is planned. LNG ships like those going to the Canadian port would travel through Canadian waters, past St. Croix Island and Devils Head recreation area to get to the facility.

Calais officials said Friday that an LNG facility could mean economic development and jobs.

"It is going to provide high-paying jobs," Calais City Manager Diane Barnes said Friday. "There are going to be jobs out there that hopefully the younger generation is going to want to stay in this area instead of moving out."

Mayor Vinton Cassidy echoed the same sentiments Friday.

"Oftentimes other [economic development] things will follow," the mayor said.

The mayor called it a positive meeting. Although opponents of LNG did attend the meeting, the mayor said, they did not speak.

The 27 people who spoke supported the project, the press release said.

The proposed project comes at a time when jobs will be needed Down East.

Earlier this month the Montreal-based Domtar Corp. announced it was idling indefinitely its Baileyville pulp mill. The shutdown will impact more than 300 workers.

The Domtar announcement has thrown communities in Washington County into a tailspin worrying about the future.

"That is why the informational meeting was so well attended," Barnes said. "It is coming on the heels of such bad and devastating news to this area. And there is no economic growth out there. We haven't had it here for years. This is something on the horizon that could possibly spur a new energy hub for the

state of Maine and it could be right here in Calais.”

LNG opponent Bob Godfrey of Save Passamaquoddy Bay said late Friday that opponents of LNG recognize the need for good jobs, but the LNG facility is not the way to go.

“The mill closing is an unfortunate thing to happen. But that doesn’t justify a business that is actually going to harm the area,” he said. Passamaquoddy Bay is not the place for an LNG facility, he said.

“It might be elsewhere,” he suggested.

Godfrey also said he did not believe the Canadian government would approve passage of LNG tankers through Head Harbor Passage. The LNG ships will have to travel through Canadian water to get to the terminals.

In 2007 Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper reportedly told then President Bush that Canada would not permit tankers through the narrow waterway that Canada considers internal waters.

Godfrey said Save Passamaquoddy Bay planned to make formal presentations when the actual state and government hearings on the facility plans are held. “If [the LNG developers] get to that point ... we will be intervenors,” he said.

Godfrey attended Tuesday’s meeting but chose not to speak.

Calais LNG’s plan is one of three proposals that have been put forward for liquefied natural gas facilities in eastern Maine. Oklahoma-based Quoddy Bay LNG submitted an application to build an LNG terminal in Perry. FERC dismissed that application in October 2008 over a lack of information. Quoddy Bay officials have said the dismissal was a delay in their timeline, not an end to the project.

In addition, Downeast LNG has filed an application to build a facility in nearby Robbinston and also has experienced delays in the permitting process. The group said in July that it planned to refile a revised application for its proposal.

Every member of the Washington County legislative delegation, led by state Sen. Kevin Raye, R-Perry, submitted letters in support of Calais LNG, excerpts of which were read at the meeting by former Calais Councilor Marianne Moore, the press release said.

“The Public Information Meeting is one of several outreach activities initiated by Calais LNG to encourage public involvement. Open house sessions were held in Calais and Baileyville in the fall of 2008 and Calais LNG participated in a Federal Regulatory Energy Commission (FERC) scoping session in December of 2008 that was attended by over 100 people,” the release said.

The session ran more than one hour over the allotted time due to the number of people waiting to speak in support of the project, according to the release.

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No Opposition Voiced At Calais LNG Public Meeting

By: Joyce Scott

Representatives from Calais LNG held a public meeting at Washington county Community College on Tuesday evening with over 240 people in attendance.

Beginning at 5:00 pm the first hour of the meeting gave people a chance to talk with various representatives involved with the many different activities and groundwork that had taken place to date on this project.

At 6:00 pm the meeting began with WCCC President William Cassidy as moderator.

The first segment of this was devoted to speakers and experts who had been involved in various studies and groundwork on the project. One by one they told of their work, statistics and findings.

The next segment was set aside for the public. Cassidy laid out the ground rules. Each speaker was to be given a total of five minutes. When they had a minute left a yellow flag would go up. When their time was up a red flag would go up. The meeting would end at 8:00 pm but representatives would be on location

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for any further questions for another half hour.

Mayor Vinton Cassidy was the first to speak. He was followed by former senator Harold Silverman. Other speakers included present and past Calais City Councilors, local citizens, former Calais High

School Principal Jeanne Peacock and representatives from other paper mills in the state.

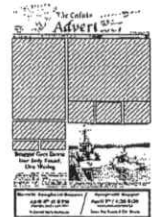
Although the majority of the speakers went over their five allotted time the moderator obviously thought it was important to hear what they had to say.

Former City councilor Marianne Moore even read letters from members of the local legislators who were unable to attend.

Each and every one of the speakers who spoke voiced their approval for the project with many citing the need for jobs in the area. Very few questions were asked and those that were, were quickly answered with what appeared to be the satisfaction of the one asking.

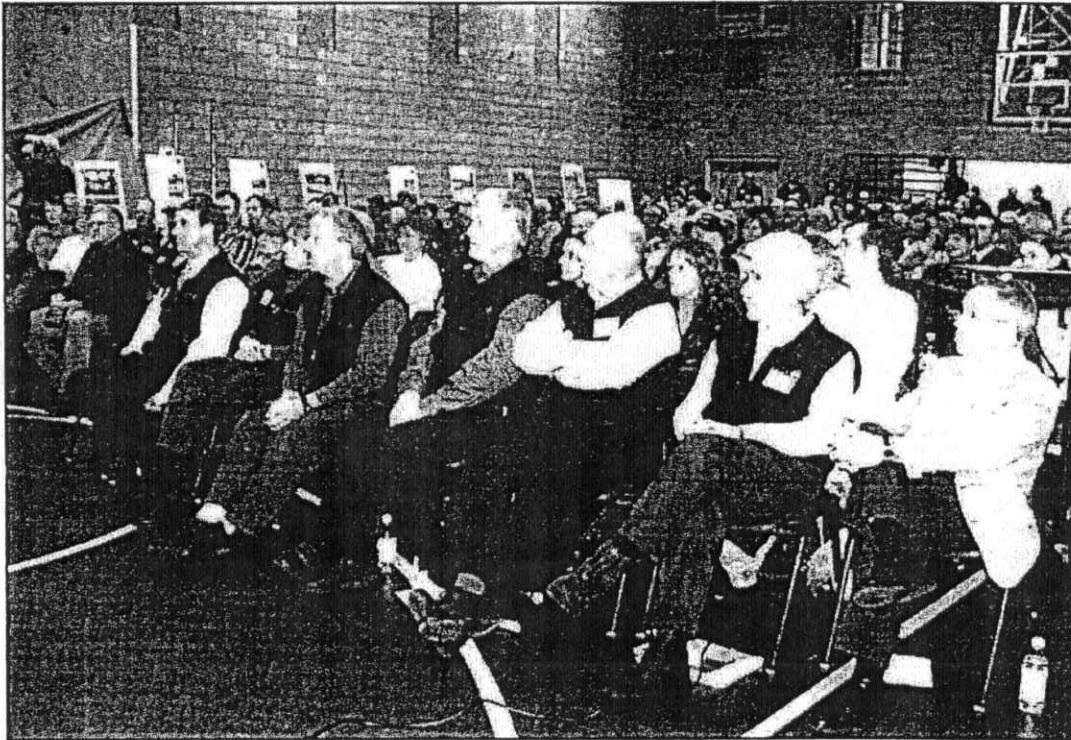
Although it was stated that there were people in the audience opposed to the project, none of them stepped forward to speak.

The meeting finally came to an end shortly after 9:00 pm. Representatives seemed pleased with the outcome.





Calais City Councilor Bill Condon was just one of the many speakers to voice his support of the Calais LNG project. (Photo by Joyce Scott)



A huge crowd turned out for the Calais **LNG** public meeting at WCCC last week. (Photo by Joyce Scott)